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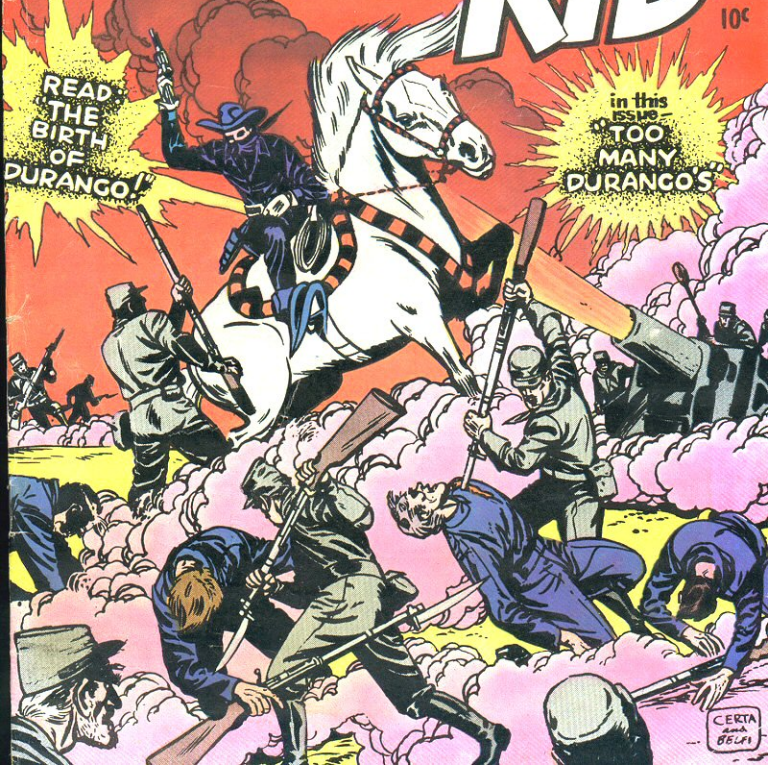
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the DURANGO KID

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READ
"THE
BIRTH
OF
DURANGO!"

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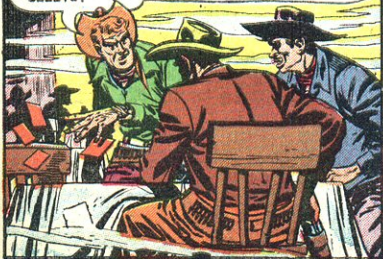


YOU'VE ASKED FOR IT—AND HERE IT IS AT LAST! HERE, IN NOVEL LENGTH, IS THE WHOLE HEART-SEARING STORY! FOLLOW THE GRIM TRAIL OF VENGEANCE FROM THE **FLAMING TRENCHES** OF THE CIVIL WAR TO THE **ROARING GUNS** OF THE WILD WEST! SEE THE VEIL OF MYSTERY STRIPPED FROM DURANGO'S DARK PAST AS HE FIGHTS **"DURANGO'S GREATEST BATTLE!"**

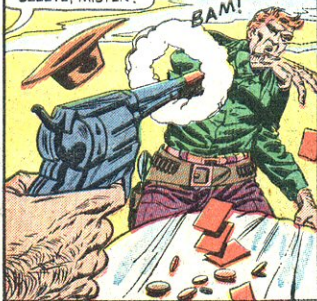
IN THE RED HOOK
PARLOR OF CHANCE...

STRANGER, YUH'RE DOWNRIGHT
CROOKED—AN' I'M GOIN' TUH
WIPE THIS FLOOR WITH YUH!

I DONE SEEN YUH PULL THAT ACE OUTA YOUR
SLEEVE!



THEY AIN'T **ALL** I GOT UP MUH
SLEEVE, MISTER!



THE DURANGO KID



MEANWHILE, MILES AWAY IN A CABIN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN—



"YEP—PETE, REST HIS SOUL, WUZ WISE TUH TEX DANBAR FROM THUH BEGINNIN'...!"



"PETE TOOK THUH BULL BY THUH HORNS—HE WUZ LIKE THET. GUESS ALL THUH BRANDS ARE LIKE THET."



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THE DURANGO KID

THET PETE BRAND KNOWS TOO MUCH! — NOW'S THUH TIME TUH FIX H/S WAGON! THEN—OFF WITH THIS UNIFORM AN'...



THEY'RE RUNNING! WE PUSHED THEM BACK!... A GOOD FIGHT, MEN! WE DID IT, PETE—WE DID IT...



...HEY, PETE, DID YOU HEAR ME? PETE? WHERE ARE YOU—PETE!

OH, GOLLY! SHOT—IN THUH BACK!



HE'S—HE'S—**DEAD...**

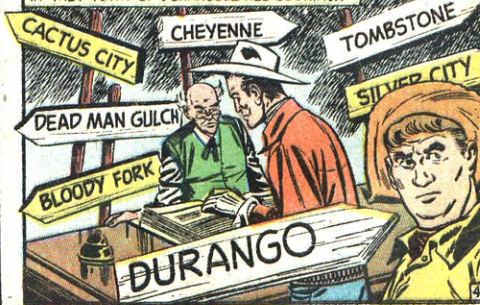
HYAR'S TEX DANBAR'S UNIFORM! HE MUSTA TOOK IT OFF AN' THEN SCRAMMED OVER TUH THUH ENEMY, I GUESS! IT WUZ TEX DANBAR KILLED YORE BROTHER, STEVIE!



I WILL AVENGE MY BROTHER! I MAKE THIS **SOLENN VOW**—SOME DAY, SOMEWHERE, I'LL FIND TEX DANBAR AND KILL HIM...!



YEP—AFTER THUH WAR WUZ OVER, WE TRAVELLED ALL OVER THUH WEST, LOOKIN' FER TEX DANBAR. WOUND UP IN COLORADO, IN THET TOWN OF DURANGO. STILL LOOKIN'...



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"REMEMBER DURANGO?"

DOGGONIT, STEVE. THREE YEARS O' LOOKIN' AN' STILL WE AIN'T FOUND THET HOMBRE. I'M THINKIN' MEBBE YUH OUGHTA GIVE UP THIS VENGEANCE TRAIL, PARTNER...



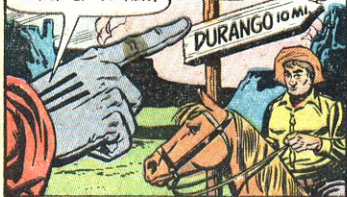
SUPPOSE YUH *DO* KETCH 'IM AN' KILL 'IM, STEVE. THAT'D MAKE *YOU* AN OUTLAW, A HUNTED MAN. NO MAN'S GOT THE RIGHT TUH TAKE THUH LAW INTUH HIS OWN HANDS...



I WON'T BE SWAYED FROM MY PURPOSE, MULEY. BUT IT WON'T BE STEVE BRAND WHO BECOMES AN OUTLAW. I'LL PUT ON A DISGUISE—A BLACK MASK, A BLACK UNIFORM. I'LL FIND A WHITE HORSE AND TRAIN HIM...



...I'LL BECOME *THE DURANGO KID!* I'LL DEVOTE MY LIFE TO FIGHTING CRIME, CATCHING OWLHOOTS. SOMEDAY TEX DANBAR WILL RUN AFOUL OF THE LAW—AND *THAT'S* WHEN I'LL CATCH UP TO HIM!



"YEP—THET'S HOW YUH BECAME *THUH DURANGO KID*...

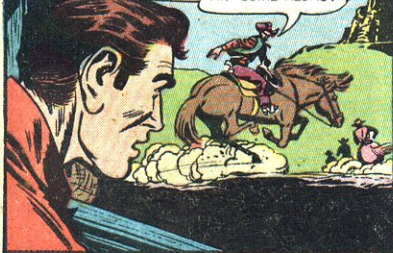
...SEE, I AIN'T FORGOT NUTHIN'!

AND DON'T FORGET THAT *TECHNICALLY*, DURANGO MAY BE AN OUTLAW—BUT, JUST THE SAME, PEOPLE KNOW HIM AS AN AGENT OF JUSTICE. ONLY *BAD MEN* FEAR HIM!



HEY, WHUT'S THIS? WHUT'S UP, SHERIFF?

MAKIN' UP A POSSE, GENTS! A CROOKED GAMBLER—A STRANGER—MURDERED AL SIMMONS AN TOOK OFF ON FOOT WITH A PILE O' WINNIN'S! FORK YORE BRONCS AN' COME ALONG!



A STRANGER—WHO KNOWS? ANYWAY—IT'S A JOB FOR *THE DURANGO KID!* LET'S GO!



THE DURANGO KID

A QUICK DASH TO RAIDER'S HIDE OUT, A LIGHTENING CHANGE OF CLOTHES, AND THEN—

UP, RAIDER—**LET'S GO!** I THINK THE SHERIFF'S MAKING A MISTAKE, RIDING THE MAIN ROADS. THE MAN'S A DESPERATE KILLER AND HE'LL STAY OFF THE ROADS...



...AND HE'S ON FOOT, TOO. MY HUNCH IS THAT HE'LL TRY SOMETHING UNUSUAL—LIKE TRYING TO MAKE IT ACROSS THE DESERT INTO MEXICO. IF SO, I OUGHT TO CATCH UP TO HIM PRONTO!



I WAS RIGHT! THERE HE IS!... **ALL RIGHT, STRANGER—YOU'RE GOING NO FARTHER THAN THIS! TURN AROUND AND REACH!**



TEX DANBAR!



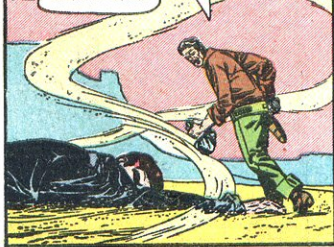
THE COMPLETE SHOCK ALMOST PARALYZES DURANGO'S ACTION FOR A SPLIT SECOND—BUT THAT SPLIT SECOND IS LONG ENOUGH FOR...

THAT VOICE... THAT VOICE... HE KNOWS ME... WHY?

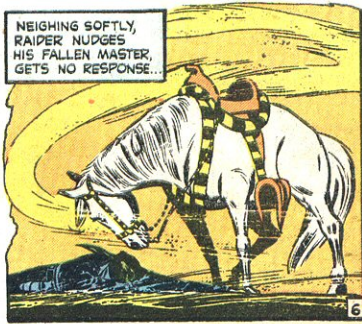
DUNNO WHY YUH'RE SO SURPRISED, MISTER—BUT IT SHORE HELPS ME!



I GOT 'IM ALL RIGHT! NOW I GOTTA GIT OUTA HYAR... GOTTA KEEP GOIN'—FAST! LOOKS LIKE A **SANDSTORM** COMIN' UP...

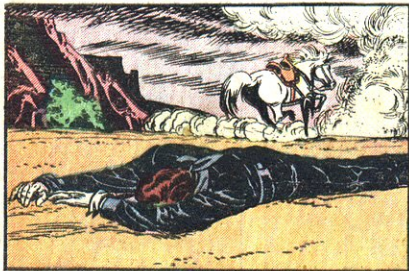


NEIGHING SOFTLY, RAIDER NUDGES HIS FALLEN MASTER, GETS NO RESPONSE...



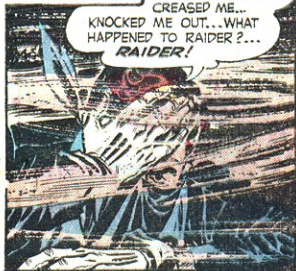
THE DURANGO KID

...AND THEN THE PUZZLED HORSE TURNS AROUND AND GALLOPS ACROSS THE DESERT INTO THE ONCOMING SANDSTORM.



BUT—A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

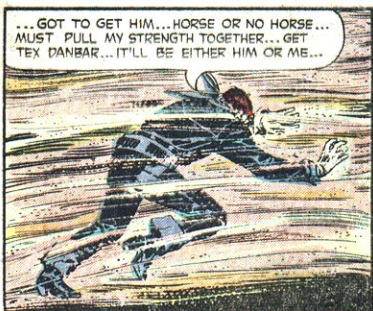
GROAN! THAT BULLET MUST HAVE CREASED ME...
KNOCKED ME OUT...WHAT HAPPENED TO RAIDER?...
RAIDER!



RAIDER! I'M ALONE IN THIS SANDSTORM...
TEX DANBAR—GOT TO GET HIM...



...GOT TO GET HIM...HORSE OR NO HORSE...
MUST PULL MY STRENGTH TOGETHER...GET
TEX DANBAR...IT'LL BE EITHER HIM OR ME...



MEANWHILE,
FARTHER
OFF IN THE
DESERT...

LOSIN' MUH
STRENGTH...BUT I
GOTTA KEEP MOVIN'!
SHOULDA TOOK THET
HOMBRE'S HOSS.

BUT THET VOICE O' HIS GOT
ME ALL MIXED UP INSIDE. HOW
DID HE KNOW ME? **WHO**
WAS HE?



HOURS LATER...

SANDSTORM
IS LIFTIN' —THET'S GOOD,
'CAUSE I COULDN'T HAVE
LASTED THROUGH MORE
OF IT... LOST MUH GUN,
BUT CAIN'T GO BACK TUH
LOOK FER IT...GOTTA
KEEP MOVIN'...



FIRST THET SANDSTORM
AN' NOW THIS TURBIBLE
SUN! I GOTTA DRINK...
GOTTA HAVE WATER...
WATER...



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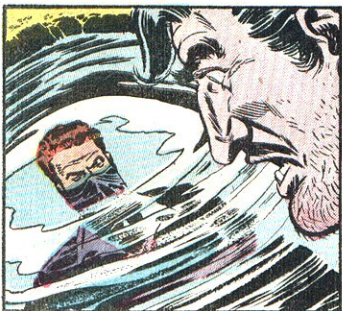
A MIRAGE! NUTHIN' BUT A MIRAGE...!



GOTTA KEEP MOVIN'...
CAIN'T STAND UP NO
LONGER... WATER...
WATER... WATER...!



A WATER HOLE! PLEASE—
MAKE IT REAL—DON'T LET
IT BE ANOTHER MIRAGE—
WATER...!



I TOLD MYSELF THAT WHEN I FOUND YOU
I'D KILL YOU, DANBAR! BUT NOW I KNOW
I HAVEN'T THE RIGHT TO TAKE ANY MAN'S
LIFE!... I'M BRINGING YOU TO JAIL—
FOR TWO MURDERS!



WHO-WHO
ARE YOU?
THAT VOICE...!

NO LIVING MAN
WILL EVER KNOW!



I'LL FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE—
EF I HAVE TUH CUT THET
BLACK MASK OFF YORE
FACE...!



THE DURANGO KID

BUT, WEAKENED BY THE SUN
AND STORM, TEX STUMBLES...

HE STUMBLED
AND FELL—
ON HIS OWN
KNIFE!

YAGHHH!!



GUESS THET FINISHES ME...
I'M DYING... NOW MEBBE
YUH KIN TELL ME WHO
YUH ARE... THET VOICE...
I KNEW THET VOICE—
WHO ARE YUH?

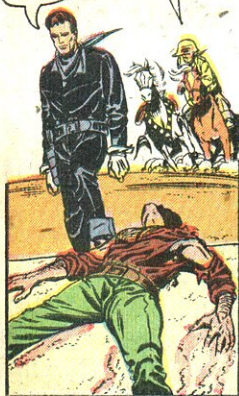


STEVE BRAND!
STEVE BRAND!
AHHHHHHHHH!



DEAD!
KILLED
BY HIS
OWN
KNIFE!
JUSTICE
IS DONE!

DURANGO! THANK
HEAVEN YUH'RE ALL
RIGHT! RAIDER
CAME GALLOPIN'
BACK FER ME!



TEX DANBAR—AT LAST!
WAL, DURANGO—I MEAN,
STEVE—YORE MISSION
IS FINISHED! NOW YUH
KIN GIVE UP DURANGO
AN' WE KIN SETTLE
DOWN TUH A
NATURAL LIFE...



NO, MULEY! THE PEOPLE
DEPEND ON DURANGO, AGENT
OF JUSTICE AND DEFENDER
OF THE HELPLESS. AS LONG
AS OWLHOOTS RIDE, I WILL
BE USEFUL. THE DURANGO
KID WILL KEEP ON RIDING,
AS LONG AS THE PEOPLE
NEED ME...



THE
END

The DURANGO KID

SOMETIMES YOU CAN SPOT AN OWLHOOT JUST BY THE WAY HE LOOKS OR RIDES OR BY THE THINGS HE WEARS—AND PLENTY TIMES DURANGO HAS BATTLED A DOZEN OF THESE SNAKY GUNSLICKS AT ONE TIME. NOW—THAT WAS TOUGH! BUT IT'S TWICE AS TOUGH WHEN THE DURANGO KID FINDS HIMSELF UP AGAINST—

"TOO MANY DURANGOS!"



EVERYBODY—WELL, ALMOST EVERYBODY—IS AT THE BIG COSTUME BALL IN RED HOOK...



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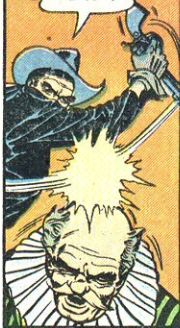
SUDDENLY, THE FOUR MEN IN BLACK DRAW THEIR GUNS!

ALL RIGHT, FOLKS—CUT THE MUSIC AN' REACH FER THUH RAFTERS!

HAW, HAW! THEY'RE PRETENDIN' TUH PULL A HOLD-UP! HEE-HEE-HEE!



WE AIN'T PERTENDIN', HOMBRE—THIS AIN'T NO JOKE! ...EVERYBODY, REACH!



KEEP YORE HANDS UP AND KEEP FACIN' THUH WALL. JUST ONE THET MOVES GIT'S VENTILATED!—HURRY UP, BOYS!

BLAZES! AND WE LEFT OUR GUNS OUTSIDE!



ALL RIGHT, MEN—OUT THIS WAY—QUICK!

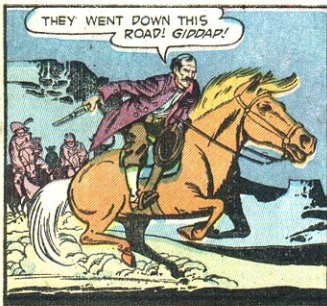
BOY, WOTTA HAUL!



THAR THEY GO! COME ON, BOYS—LET'S FORM A POSSE AN' GO AFTER THEM!

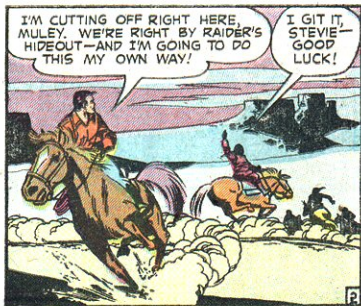


THEY WENT DOWN THIS ROAD! GIDDAP!



I'M CUTTING OFF RIGHT HERE, MULEY. WE'RE RIGHT BY RAIDER'S HIDEOUT—AND I'M GOING TO DO THIS MY OWN WAY!

I GIT IT, STEVIE—GOOD LUCK!

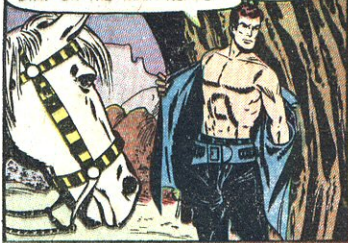


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A FEW MOMENTS LATER—
AT RAIDER'S HIDEOUT...

THE POSSE
IS HUNTING
DOWN THE

ROAD—BUT MY HUNCH IS THAT THOSE
OWLHOOTS ARE MUCH TOO CLEVER TO
STAY ON THE MAIN ROADS...



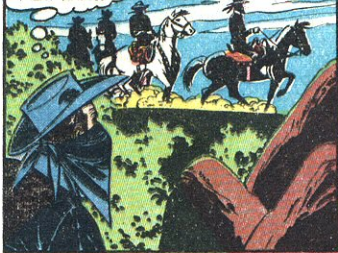
A SMART OWLHOOT WOULD HEAD OFF THE
ROAD AND TAKE THE SCRUB TRAIL TO LAST
GAP CANYON—I'M GOING. IT TAKES A
DURANGO TO CATCH
A RAIDER! UP,
RAIDER!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

MMM-MM! I
WAS RIGHT!

THERE THEY ARE—ALL FOUR OF THEM!
WELL, I'LL JUST MINGLE WITH
THEM AND...



OKAY, MEN—THEY'LL NEVER THINK OF LOOKIN'
FER US HERE. HERE'S WHAR WE KIN SPLIT
THUH HAUL BETWEEN
THUH FOUR OF US...



CONFUSING, ISN'T IT?

...YEP BETWEEN
THE FOUR OF
US... ????

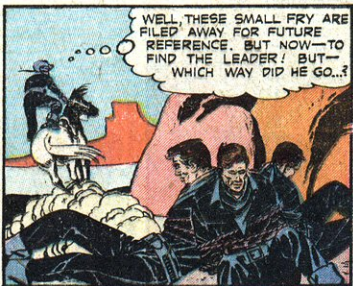
D-D-DID
YUH
SAY
FOUR?

HE SAID **FOUR**
ALL RIGHT—
BUT—BUT—THAR'S
FIVE HERE!

GULP!



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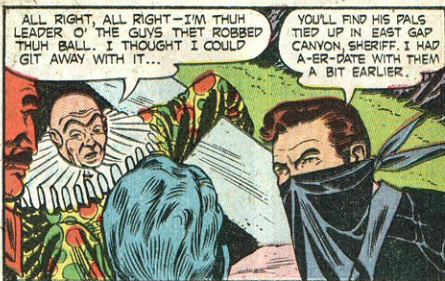


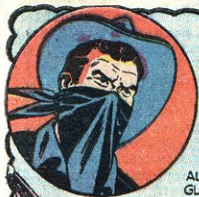


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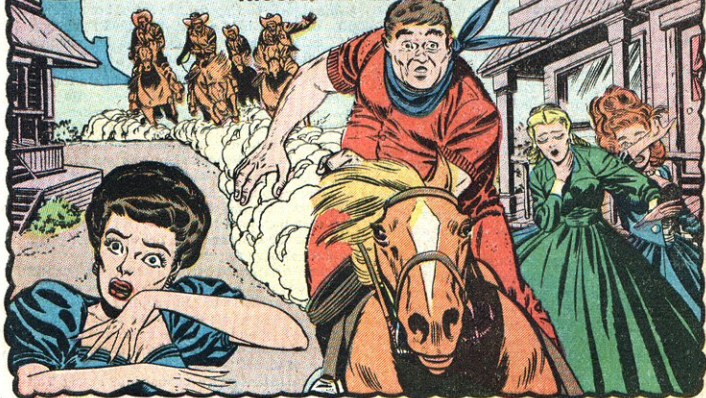




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SOME PEOPLE—
LIKE THE DURANGO KID
ALWAYS MANAGE TO COME OUT ON TOP OF THE
GLORY PILE. BUT NOT MULEY PIKE! FOR
POOR MULEY—DANGER BECOMES A FARCE AND
GLORY BECOMES A GREAT BIG BELLY-LAUGH
FOR MULEY PIKE—

"TROUBLE NEVER ENDS!"

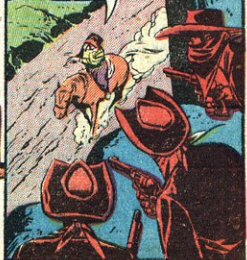


S'LONG,
STEVIE—
MEET
YUH IN
TOWN
T'NIGHT.

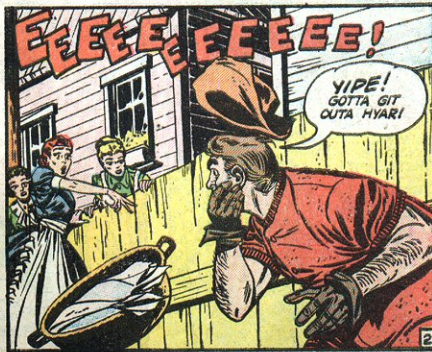
CAREFUL ALONG
THAT ROAD, MULEY!
A LOT OF OWL-
HOOTS HAVE BEEN
OPERATING ALONG
IT THESE DAYS!

SHUCKS, I AIN'T AFERD
O' NO OWLHOOTS! AIN'T NO
GUNSLICK GONNA TANGLE
IRONS WITH MULEY PIKE—
NO SIR!

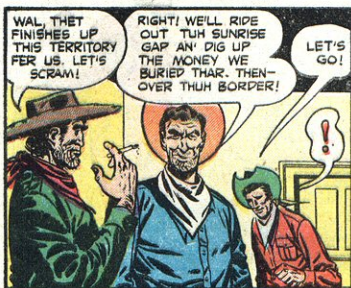
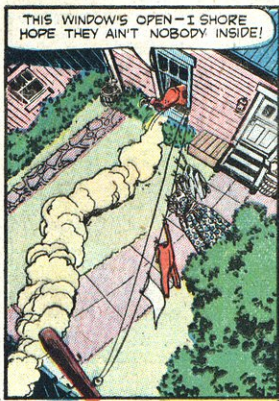
BY THUNDER AN' TARNATION—
EF ONE O' THEM OWLHOOTS
COMES UP TUH ME, I'LL SLAP
SO FAST—**BAM! BAM! BAM!**
SIX-GUN MULEY!
THAT'S ME...



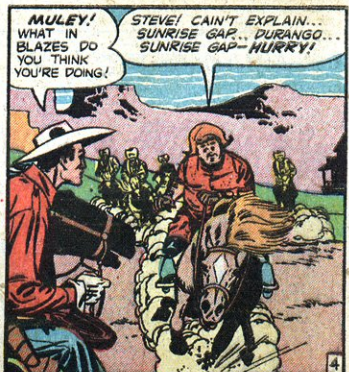
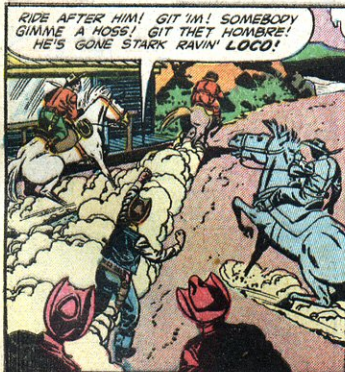
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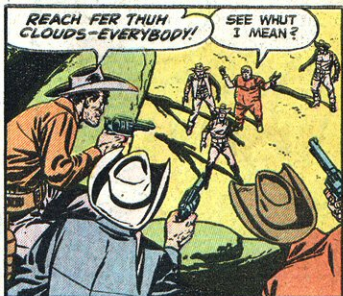
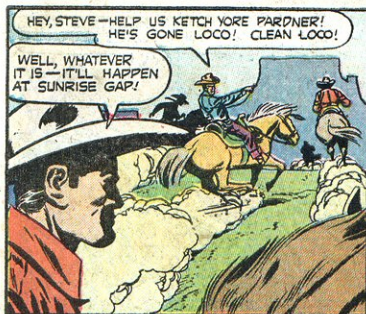
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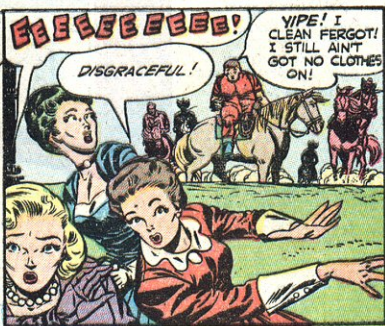
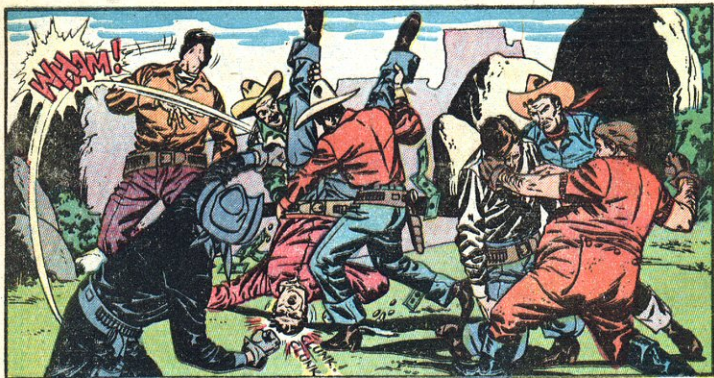
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...SO, SHERIFF, THET
WUZ THUH ONLY WAY
I COULD GIT THUH
SUNRISE GAP!

DOGGONIT, MULEY—
I GOTTA HAND IT
TUH YUH! YOU'RE
A **HERO**, MAN!

EEEEEEEEE!

DISGRACEFUL!

YIPE! I
CLEAN FERGOT!
I STILL AIN'T
GOT NO CLOTHES
ON!

AS NIGHT STEALS
OVER THE PLAINS...

BETTER WAIT HYAR
TILL IT GITS DARKER
SO I KIN SNEAK
HOME AN' GIT SOME CLOTHES.
DOGGONIT—NUTHIN' I DO
TURNS OUT RIGHT—I'M
ALWAYS THUH **CLOWN**!

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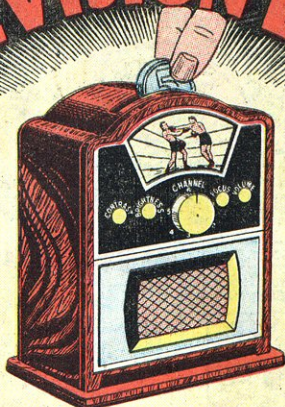
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YOU CAN WAVE!

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